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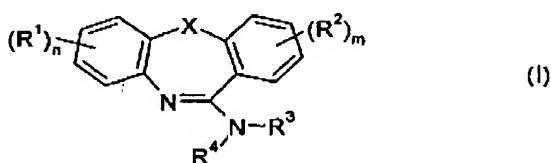
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Currently amended): A method for combating or controlling insects, arachnids or nematodes comprising contacting an insect, arachnid or nematode or their food supply, habitat or breeding grounds with a pesticidally effective amount of at least one compound of formula I or a composition comprising at least one compound of formula I:



wherein

X is sulfur, oxygen, sulfinyl (S=O), sulfonyl (SO₂), NR^a, or CR^bR^c;

R^a is hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, or C₂-C₆-alkynyl, wherein the carbon atoms in these groups may be substituted by 1 to 3 groups R[#] wherein

R[#] is halogen, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, mercapto, amino, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonylamino, carboxyl, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkynyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, or C₁-C₆-alkylthio;

phenyl or benzyl, each unsubstituted or substituted with any combination of 1 to 5 halogen, 1 to 3 C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkylthio, C₁-C₆-haloalkylthio, C₁-C₆-alkoxy or C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy groups;

R^b,R^c are each independently hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkynyl, C₁-C₆-hydroxyalkyl, wherein the carbon atoms in these

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groups may be substituted by 1 to 3 groups R[#], or

phenyl, unsubstituted or substituted with any combination of 1 to 5 halogen, 1 to 3 C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy or C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy groups, or

CR^bR^c represents C=O or C=CR^jR^k, wherein R^j and R^k each independently are hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl;

R¹,R² are each independently halogen, hydroxy, mercapto, amino, cyano, nitro, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-alkylamino, di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)amino, C₁-C₆-alkylthio, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₆-alkenylamino, C₂-C₆-alkenylthio, C₂-C₆-alkynyl, C₂-C₆-alkynyoxy, C₂-C₆-alkynylamino, C₂-C₆-alkynylthio, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfoxyl, C₂-C₆-alkenylsulfonyl, C₂-C₆-alkynylsulfoxyl, formyl, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, carbonyloxy, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyloxy, phenoxy, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonylamino, C(O)NR^dR^e, or (SO₂)NR^dR^e, wherein the carbon atoms in the aliphatic and aromatic groups may be substituted by 1 to 3 groups R[#] and wherein R^d and R^e are each independently groups as listed for R^u; or

C(=NOR^f)-G_p-R^f, wherein R^f and R^f are each independently hydrogen or C₁-C₆-alkyl, G is oxygen, sulfur or NR^f and p is 0 or 1; or

a mono- or bicyclic 5- to 10-membered aromatic ring system which may contain 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and which is unfused or fused to the aromatic group to which it is bonded and which, when unfused, is bonded directly or through an oxygen, sulfur, C₁-C₆-alkyl, or C₁-C₆-alkoxy linkage, and which is unsubstituted or substituted with any combination of 1 to 5 groups R[#]; or

C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, which is bonded directly or through an oxygen, sulfur or C₁-C₆-alkyl linkage, and which is unsubstituted or substituted with any combination

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of 1 to 5 groups R⁴;

R³,R⁴ are each independently hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkylamino, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, wherein the carbon atoms in these groups may be substituted with any combination of 1 to 3 groups R⁴, or C(O)R⁸, C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, or C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰,

R⁸ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, or

phenyl or benzyl, each unsubstituted or substituted with any combination of 1 to 5 halogen, 1 to 3 C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkylthio, C₁-C₆-haloalkylthio, C₁-C₆-alkoxy or C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy groups;

R⁹,R¹⁰ are each independently groups as listed for R⁴;

or R³ and R⁴ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated or partially saturated mono- or bicyclic 5- to 10-membered ringsystem containing 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from nitrogen and oxygen or 5-membered hetaryl containing 1 to 4 nitrogen atoms, wherein the carbon and/or nitrogen atoms in the saturated, partially saturated or aromatic rings are unsubstituted or substituted with any combination of 1 to 4 groups selected from amino, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkynyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₂-C₆-alkenylloxy, C₂-C₆-alkynylloxy, C₁-C₆-alkylthio, C₂-C₆-alkenylthio, C₂-C₆-alkynylthio, C₁-C₆-alkylamino, di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)amino, C₂-C₆-alkenylamino, C₂-C₆-alkynylamino, C₁-C₆-hydroxyalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl-C₁-C₄-alkyl, formyl-C₁-C₄-alkyl, formyl-C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl-C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, which is bonded directly or via an oxygen, sulfur or C₁-C₆-alkyl linkage, and C₅-C₈-cycloalkenyl, wherein the carbon atoms in these aliphatic groups can be substituted by 1 to 4 groups selected from halogen, cyano, hydroxy and nitro; or

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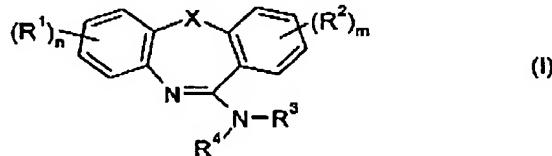
phenyl or benzyl which may be substituted by halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl or C₁-C₄-haloalkyl; or
 R³ and R⁴ together form the chains -(CH₂)₂N⁺(O⁻)(CH₂)₂- or
 -(CH₂)₃N⁺(O⁻)(CH₂)₂-;

m is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

n is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

or the enantiomers or diastereomers, salts or cscrs thereof.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): A method for protecting growing plants from attack or infestation by insects, arachnids or nematodes comprising contacting a plant, or soil or water in which the plant is growing, with a pesticidally effective amount of at least one compound of formula I or a composition comprising at least one compound of formula I:



wherein

X is sulfur, oxygen, sulfinyl (S=O), sulfonyl (SO₂), NR^a, or CR^bR^c;

R^a is hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, or C₂-C₆-alkynyl, wherein the carbon atoms in these groups may be substituted by 1 to 3 groups R[#] wherein

R[#] is halogen, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, mercapto, amino, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonylamino, carboxyl, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₂-C₆-

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alkenyoxy, C_2 - C_6 -alkynyoxy, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkoxy, or C_1 - C_6 -alkylthio;

phenyl or benzyl, each unsubstituted or substituted with any combination of 1 to 5 halogen, 1 to 3 C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkylthio, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkylthio, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy or C_1 - C_6 -haloalkoxy groups;

R^b, R^c are each independently hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkynyl, C_1 - C_6 -hydroxyalkyl, wherein the carbon atoms in these groups may be substituted by 1 to 3 groups R^d , or

phenyl, unsubstituted or substituted with any combination of 1 to 5 halogen, 1 to 3 C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy or C_1 - C_6 -haloalkoxy groups, or

CR^bR^c represents $C=O$ or $C=CR^jR^k$, wherein R^j and R^k each independently are hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl, or C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl;

R^1, R^2 are each independently halogen, hydroxy, mercapto, amino, cyano, nitro, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 -alkylamino, di(C_1 - C_6 -alkyl)amino, C_1 - C_6 -alkylthio, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyoxy, C_2 - C_6 -alkenylamino, C_2 - C_6 -alkenylthio, C_2 - C_6 -alkynyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkynyoxy, C_2 - C_6 -alkynylamino, C_2 - C_6 -alkynylthio, C_1 - C_6 -alkylsulfonyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkylsulfoxy, C_2 - C_6 -alkenylsulfonyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkynylsulfoxy, formyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkylcarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxycarbonyl, carbonyloxy, C_1 - C_6 -alkylcarbonyloxy, phenoxy, C_1 - C_6 -alkylcarbonylamino, $C(O)NR^dR^e$, or $(SO_2)NR^dR^e$, wherein the carbon atoms in the aliphatic and aromatic groups may be substituted by 1 to 3 groups R^f and wherein R^d and R^e are each independently groups as listed for R^a ; or

$C(=NOR^f)-G_p-R^f$, wherein R^f and R^f are each independently hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, G is oxygen, sulfur or NR^f and p is 0 or 1; or

a mono- or bicyclic 5- to 10-membered aromatic ring system which may contain 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and which is

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unfused or fused to the aromatic group to which it is bonded and which, when unfused, is bonded directly or through an oxygen, sulfur, C₁-C₆-alkyl, or C₁-C₆-alkoxy linkage, and which is unsubstituted or substituted with any combination of 1 to 5 groups R[#]; or

C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, which is bonded directly or through an oxygen, sulfur or C₁-C₆-alkyl linkage, and which is unsubstituted or substituted with any combination of 1 to 5 groups R[#];

R³,R⁴ are each independently hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkylamino, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, wherein the carbon atoms in these groups may be substituted with any combination of 1 to 3 groups R[#], or C(O)R^g, C(O)NR^hRⁱ, or C(S)NR^hRⁱ,

R^g is hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, or

phenyl or benzyl, each unsubstituted or substituted with any combination of 1 to 5 halogen, 1 to 3 C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkylthio, C₁-C₆-haloalkylthio, C₁-C₆-alkoxy or C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy groups;

R^h,Rⁱ are each independently groups as listed for R^g;

or R³ and R⁴ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated or partially saturated mono- or bicyclic 5- to 10-membered ringsystem containing 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from nitrogen and oxygen or 5-membered hetaryl containing 1 to 4 nitrogen atoms, wherein the carbon and/or nitrogen atoms in the saturated, partially saturated or aromatic rings are unsubstituted or substituted with any combination of 1 to 4 groups selected from amino, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkynyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₂-C₆-alkenyloxy, C₂-C₆-alkynyloxy, C₁-C₆-alkylthio, C₂-C₆-alkenylthio, C₂-C₆-alkynylthio, C₁-C₆-alkylamino, di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)amino, C₂-C₆-alkenylamino, C₂-C₆-alkynylamino, C₁-C₆-hydroxyalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl-C₁-C₄-

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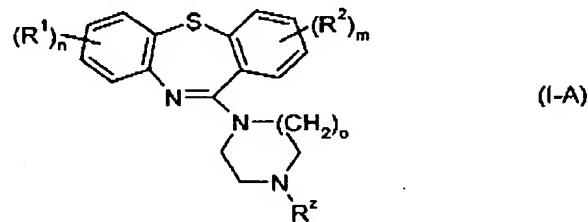
alkyl, formyl-C₁-C₄-alkyl, formyl-C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl-C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, which is bonded directly or via an oxygen, sulfur or C₁-C₆-alkyl linkage, and C₅-C₈-cycloalkenyl, wherein the carbon atoms in these aliphatic groups can be substituted by 1 to 4 groups selected from halogen, cyano, hydroxy and nitro; or phenyl or benzyl which may be substituted by halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl or C₁-C₄-haloalkyl; or R³ and R⁴ together form the chains -(CH₂)₂N⁺(O⁻)(CH₂)₂- or -(CH₂)₃N⁺(O⁻)(CH₂)₂-;

m is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

n is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

or the enantiomers or diastereomers, salts or esters thereof.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): Compounds of formula I-A



wherein

R¹, R² are each independently halogen, hydroxy, mercapto, amino, cyano, nitro, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-alkylamino, di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)amino, C₁-C₈-alkylthio, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkenylloxy, C₂-C₆-alkenylamino, C₂-C₆-alkenylthio, C₂-C₆-alkynyl, C₂-C₆-alkynylloxy, C₂-C₆-alkynylamino, C₂-C₆-alkynylthio, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonyl, C₂-C₆-alkenylsulfonyl, formyl, or C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, wherein the carbon atoms in the aliphatic and aromatic groups may be substituted by 1 to 3 groups selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, mercapto, amino, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₂-C₆-alkenylloxy, C₂-C₆-alkynylloxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, or C₁-C₆-alkylthio;

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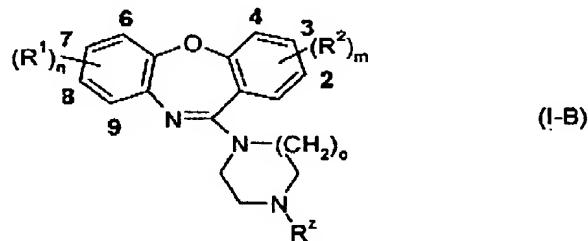
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R^z is hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkynyl, C_1 - C_6 -hydroxyalkyl, C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, or C_5 - C_8 -cycloalkenyl, wherein the carbon atoms in these aliphatic groups can be substituted by 1 to 4 groups selected from halogen, cyano, hydroxy and nitro; and wherein the group $[N-R^z]$ may be present as amine oxide $[N^+(O^-)-R^z]$;

- m is 1, 2, 3, or 4;
- n is 1, 2, 3, or 4; and
- o is 1 or 2.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): Compounds of formula I-A according to claim 12 wherein R^1 and R^2 each independently are halogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl, methoxy, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkoxy, C_1 - C_8 -alkylthio, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkylthio, C_2 - C_6 -alkenylthio, or C_2 - C_6 -alkynylthio.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): Compounds of formula I-B



wherein

R^z is hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkynyl, C_1 - C_6 -hydroxyalkyl, C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, or C_5 - C_8 -cycloalkenyl, wherein the carbon atoms in these aliphatic groups can be substituted by 1 to 4 groups selected from halogen, cyano, hydroxy and nitro; and wherein the group $[N-R^z]$ may be present as amine oxide $[N^+(O^-)-R^z]$;

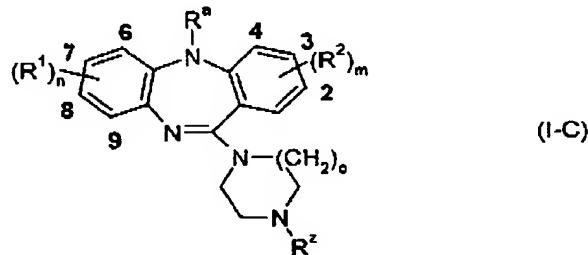
- m is 1, 2, 3, or 4;
- n is 1, 2, 3, or 4; and
- o is 1 or 2.

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and R¹ and R² each independently are halogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, methoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₈-alkylthio, C₁-C₆-haloalkylthio, C₂-C₆-alkenylthio, or C₂-C₆-alkynylthio, with the proviso that
 when R¹ is 2-chloro then R² is not 8-chloro or 8-methoxy; and
 when R¹ is 4-chloro then R² is not 8-chloro; and
 when R¹ is 4-methyl then R² is not 7-, 8-, or 9-chloro.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): Compounds of formula I-C



wherein R^a is hydrogen or C₁-C₆-alkyl and

R^z is hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkynyl, C₁-C₆-hydroxyalkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, or C₅-C₈-cycloalkenyl, wherein the carbon atoms in these aliphatic groups can be substituted by 1 to 4 groups selected from halogen, cyano, hydroxy and nitro; and wherein the group [N-R^z] may be present as amine oxide [N^{+(O⁻)-R^z];}

m is 1, 2, 3, or 4;

n is 1, 2, 3, or 4; and

o is 1 or 2

and R¹ and R² each independently are halogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, methoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₈-alkylthio, C₁-C₆-haloalkylthio, C₂-C₆-alkenylthio, or C₂-C₆-alkynylthio, with the proviso that

not both of R¹ or R² are halogen and

when R¹ is 2-chloro then R² is not 8-methyl, 8-methylthio, or 8-methoxy; and

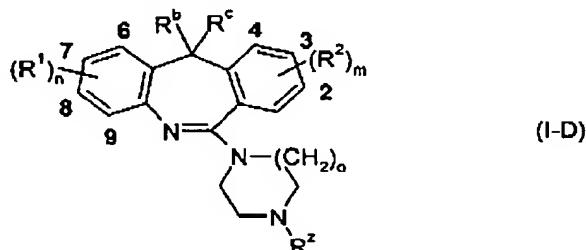
when R¹ is 2-methoxy, then R² is not 8-chloro; and

when R¹ is 2-methyl then R² is not 8-chloro.

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Claim 16 (Previously Presented): Compounds of formula I-D



wherein R^b and R^c are each independently hydrogen, methyl or CR^bR^c represents C=CH₂, and

R^z is hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkynyl, C₁-C₆-hydroxyalkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, or C₅-C₈-cycloalkenyl, wherein the carbon atoms in these aliphatic groups can be substituted by 1 to 4 groups selected from halogen, cyano, hydroxy and nitro; and wherein the group [N-R^z] may be present as amine oxide [N^{+(O⁻)-R^z];}

m is 1, 2, 3, or 4;

n is 1, 2, 3, or 4; and

o is 1 or 2

and R¹ and R² each independently are halogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, methoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₈-alkylthio, C₁-C₆-haloalkylthio, C₂-C₆-alkenylthio, or C₂-C₆-alkynylthio.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): Compositions comprising at least one compound of formula I-A as defined in claim 12 or an enantiomer or diastereomer, salt or ester thereof and an agronomically acceptable carrier.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): Compositions comprising at least one compound of formula I-A as defined in claim 13 or an enantiomer or diastereomer, salt or ester thereof and an agronomically acceptable carrier.

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Claim 19 (Previously Presented): Compositions comprising at least one compound of formula I-B as defined in claim 14 or an enantiomer or diastereomer, salt or ester thereof and an agronomically acceptable carrier.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): Compositions comprising at least one compound of formula I-C as defined in claim 15 or an enantiomer or diastereomer, salt or ester thereof and an agronomically acceptable carrier.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): Compositions comprising at least one compound of formula I-D as defined in claim 16 or an enantiomer or diastereomer, salt or ester thereof and an agronomically acceptable carrier.